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**National Lockdown – ‘stay at home’**

Dear Parent / Carer

**Important information regarding pupil attendance – from Tuesday 4 Jan 2021 until February half-term at the earliest**

What a journey this has been. From closing the school to all but key worker and vulnerable children in March, gradually reopening in June, and fully reopened in September. We are now full circle and back to being open for only key worker and vulnerable children.

I am sorry that I have sent out conflicting information on the same day, I get to find out the latest guidance at the same time as you. During our Staff Training day today, we organised for opening tomorrow with additional safe measures in place; we also planned for how we would support families if we were moved into a lockdown again (call it a premonition!).

Firstly, thank you for the very supportive approach that you have taken during these exceptionally challenging times. As I have made clear, Loddon Primary Federation will remain at the heart of our community. **Whilst we are formally closed again from Tuesday 5 January onwards**, we will continue to support your child, both academically and pastorally. More detailed information will continue to be sent to you in support of this, and will be published on the school website under ‘Home Learning’. Staff can also be contacted through Class DoJo.

**Special opening from Tuesday 5 January for the children of key workers in Reception to Year 6**

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and includes those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors.

We are grateful to all of these key workers who are looking after us all. In return, my superb colleagues are also going to ‘step up to the plate’ again and provide provision for your child / children for as long as we reasonably can. It is critical to note, however, that this provision should only be taken up if there are no other alternatives. **In the best interests of your child and my colleagues, we wish to minimise risk and pupils should only attend where it is absolutely essential.**

Should you wish to take up this provision, please contact us at [officeinf@loddonprimaryfederation.co.uk](mailto:officeinf@loddonprimaryfederation.co.uk) or [officejr@loddonprimaryfederation.co.uk](mailto:officejr@loddonprimaryfederation.co.uk). Please note too that this provision should not be used as a ‘drop-in service’. We will always be flexible and supportive but I am sure you will appreciate that we need to manage provision very carefully. The school will be open between 8.45am and 3.15pm.


The key worker provision will be in the current bubbles that we have been operating. The plan is that a teacher and teaching assistant will be with the key worker and vulnerable children from that bubble for a week, whilst the other teachers and teaching assistants provide work and support for those children remote learning. The team will then sway for the second week.

We request that you provide formal identification of your key worker role and confirmation from you that you have checked with your employer that your role is critical to the continuation of the public service. Identification could be in the form of a photocopy of your current ID badge or similar.

*If you are a key worker and sending in your child, please provide a packed lunch for tomorrow while I organise how the kitchen can operate.*

As I continue to make clear, Loddon Primary Federation will be closed to the majority of pupils but we are in no way closed in terms of our ongoing care, support and kindness.

Take care and stay safe

  
Mr R Burbage  
Headteacher